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## IN DAYES OF OLDE

(From an old newspaper clipping in Ellis Harrison's scrapbook.)

We start this trip through the old town of Duxsborough at Weechertown near the So. Duxbury depot. From here we pass to So. Station St. to Surplus St., so called from the interest taken by its residents as to the disposal of the surplus revenue handed back to the town in Jacksonian days. This hill at the junction of Surplus and So. Station streets is called Wicked Hill, formerly Zion's Hill and later Duxbury Highlands. At the foot of the hill on Surplus St. is Dubby's Crossing.

From Surplus St. we turn into Washington St. passing Burnblebee Lane which leads to W. J. Alden, Jr.'s shoe shop, Snake Hill on the left, and ascending Uncle Martin's Hill, passing Long Point on the right

and Free Trade and Tariff streets on the left, up Post Office Hill, on the right of which, on the Delano and Killian property, were once two forts, one of which rejoiced in the name of Fort Squirt (the forts were on Fort Hill Lane - Ed.).

Going down the hill on the other side we cross Blue River bridge which according to an old manuscript "was built in the days of Caesar the King to connect the Westonites and the Cushmanites and all the other ites." Near this point we turn to the left up St. George St. leaving behind us Gurnet Bridge, Powder Point, King Caesar's Rd., Cedar Point, Abram's Hill and Old Cove.

We are skirting the edge of the original John Alden house and the later Alden house are on this land. Continuing into Millbrook we cross the track where, to the right a little way from the street, is Peck Hole which once gave safe winter quarters for small boats. Further on Moses Hole was used for the same purpose. At Ryders Corner we again turn leaving behind us Hound's Ditch, North Hill and, to the left, Malachi Brook. We are now on Tremont St. heading toward Marshfield; about a mile from here we come to Cox's Corner at the foot of Duck Hill. We turn to the left on to Peg Rd., now called Church St. from the fact probably that there is not a church or any other building on it; we cross Herring Weir Rd., now called Temple St., which goes to Crooked Lane, and keep on to Congress St.

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which leads to Ashdod past King Philip's Path, the old path used by the Indians from Bridgewater to the shore; at Franklin St. we again turn to the left. In this section of town on another road is Cranberry Factory, Otter Rock, Factory Pond and other noted scenic spots. Franklin St. leads us into Happy Valley or Skunk's Misery as it is sometimes called. Turning to the left we soon reach Four Mile Hill, of

which an old ballad tells of one who 'Hired a team to cart her round from Four Mile Hill to Tarklin town.' This hill is four miles from Duxbury Village, Kingston, Pembroke and Marshfield.

The first village we next pass will be Fordville, then Tarklin, where once tar was manufactured and where the Tree of Knowledge, that old nature's mail box, was located about a mile or so from us; and running parallel with the street we are on is Mayflower St. which leads from Cranberry Factory to the cemetery on Tremont St. and passing near Soule's Bear, Black Friar, Myrick's Slough Hill, through Tobey Garden St. to Bailey's Corner, thence through Chestnut St. over Pucker Hole's Crossing to Hall's Corner, near which is Morton's Hole, while ahead of us is Captain's Hill, Standish Shore, The Cabinet, Eagle's Nest, Shantum Spring and other historic spots. We will now turn to the left, past Harden Hill, up Durey's Hill into Sodom, as Duxbury Village is commonly called, and this brings us to the end of our odd tournav." and other points of traditional interest. From Tarklin we pass through the woods and the village of Tinker Town, by Cushing's Grove, up Tobey Garden.

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